GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:163
ANSWERED ON:20.02.2001
PRODUCTION OF FERTILIZERS
SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the policy framed by the Government for the production of fertilizers during the Ninth Plan has shown positive results;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the said policy framework in regard to fertilizer production has not achieved the target of production and demand of State Governments;

(d) if so, whether keeping in view the failure of the Ninth Plan policy the Government propose to bring forward a new policy framework for the Tenth Plan period for more production of fertilizers to meet the requirement of the States; and

(e) if so, the number of new fertilizers units are likely to be established in different States?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE)

(a), (b), (d) & (e): During Ninth Plan there has been a consistent increase in the production of nitrogenous and phosphatic fertilizers as per details given below:

(in Lakh MTs)

Year	Nitrogen	%growth	Phosphate	%growth
1997-98	100.86	17.3	29.76	16.4
1998-99	104.80	3.9	31.41	5.5
1999-2000	108.90	3.9	33.99	8.2
2000-2001 (estimated)	111.85	2.7	39.71	16.8
2001-2002 (estimated)	116.71	4.4	49.30	24.2

(c) At present, Urea is the only controlled fertilizer of which demand is met through allocation under the Essential Commodities Act (ECA).All other potasic and phosphatic fertilizers have been decontrolled, the availability of which depends on market forces of demand and supply. The country has no commercially exploitable resources of potash and so the entire demand is met through import.